

Request for Funding - Hosting

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Project Name:

Web-Based Property Valuation Submission

Requesting Agency:

Iowa Department of Management

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Background:

In compiling the request for Design and Implementation funding, which was approved by the Council at the July meeting, funding to cover the first years hosting expense was inadvertently omitted. This request is to correct that oversight.

The Iowa Department of Management (DOM) annual taxable property valuation collection process begins each year about November 1. The current process, which uses deployed desktop software, has been difficult as well as costly to manage and maintain across the many Windows operating systems. For the upcoming collection year, looking at the time and expense of making the desktop software operational with the new Vista operating system, while at the same time ensuring backward compatibility with the older operating systems, we prefer to allocate resources toward implementation of the proposed Internet based system.

The goal of this application is to establish a centralized database and application with Internet accessibility that would allow County Auditors to annually report property valuations for the coming budget year. The target is to provide functionality and features at least comparable to the existing desktop software. This architecture will eliminate the current process of duplicative reading and writing of valuation data that can introduce errors and dropped data.

To make valuation data, aggregated by local levying authority, available on-line to the public as soon as the data is reported by the county.

Request:

This request is for \$6,000 for the first year's hosting expense.
